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ID of woman found beaten still a mystery

No leads yet. Police say the woman found unconscious and bloody in Cobbs Creek Park has a tattoo on her neck that reads “Ed.” **Questions.** The woman may have been sexually assaulted, and the investigation is ongoing. PAGE 02

All aboard the Fringe Festival PAGE 16

Hop on The Gazela at Penn’s Landing to see the Philadelphia Artists Collective present “Sea Plays.” / PROVIDED

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Editor's note

We're back

Dear readers, It's September. The beach towels are packed up, the sunblock is put away and the sweaters are out of the closet. But that also means your Metro is back to its usual five-day publishing schedule. Remember to pick up your favorite free daily tomorrow for our weekend edition, featuring an interview with Vin Diesel about his new film "Riddick."

Local tweet

"Can't wait until it's hoodie weatherr! Fall is so close!"

JoAnna Alesczyk, @joannabanana26, on being ready for the weather change

Woman found beaten in Cobbs Creek Park

Battered. A woman was discovered partially clothed and unconscious in the park.

Philadelphia police are trying to identify a woman who was found Tuesday afternoon partially clothed and unconscious in Cobbs Creek Park in Southwest Philadelphia.

Investigators said someone called authorities shortly before 3:40 p.m. to report a woman lying in the grass in a wooded area near the 6300 block of Cobbs Creek Parkway.

Arriving officers found the victim unconscious and bleeding from the head.

She was rushed in critical condition to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where authorities said yesterday she remained unconscious and unidentified.

The woman, who is being treated as a "Jane Doe," is described as a black female of about 35 years of age and weighing about 170 pounds. She has a tattoo on her back that reads "Ed," according to police.

Police said they are trying to determine whether the victim was sexually assaulted, but that the Special Victims Unit has taken over the investigation.

See something?

Anyone with information should:

- Call 911 or contact the Special Victims Unit at 215-685-3251;
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By the numbers

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Age of the woman found

170
Her estimated weight

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Definitely not late for a very important date

A horse carriage driver pauses to check his phone while waiting for customers near Independence Hall in Center City.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Robot ride

Congressman catches ride in car controlled by computer

State Rep. Bill Shuster, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, together with PennDOT Secretary Barry Schoch, yesterday took a 33-mile trip to Pittsburgh International Airport in a computer-driven car.

The "driverless" Cadillac SRX was designed by Carnegie Mellon University researchers following years of study after they won a $2 million grant in 2007 from the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Academy to pilot driverless vehicles. METRO

Open for business

New 34-story tower opens on Chestnut

The 34-story luxury residential and retail tower at 2116 Chestnut St. in Center City officially opened yesterday afternoon.

The John Buck Co. announced the purchase of the property in October 2011. This is the company's first development in the city.

"Today's opening of 2116 Chestnut brings exciting new homes, retail space and jobs to Philadelphia in yet another investment in the future of our city," said Mayor Michael Nutter.

More than 100 residents have already moved in. METRO

2116 Chestnut

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Written word. City starts its search for next poet laureate

The city is now accepting applications for poet laureate.

The new selection will have some big shoes to fill. Sonia Sanchez, a well-known and renowned writer, educator and activist, assumed the position of Philadelphia's inaugural poet laureate in January 2012.

Her two-year term ends this year. Mayor Michael Nutter said Sanchez "set the bar high for the position."

The new laureate's two-year term will start in January 2014. METRO

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Police: Man shot during home invasion

Terror. Police said a man shot a resident and held a child at knifepoint after a break-in.

Delaware State Police arrested Tyree Bordley, 22, early yesterday after he allegedly shot an acquaintance during a violent home invasion in Viola.

Troopers responded at about 2:30 a.m. to a home on the 800 block of West Evens Road, where they found that Bordley allegedly forced open the back door, demanded jewelry and cash and shot the male homeowner in the leg when he didn't turn anything over. Police said the victim was able to grab the handgun from Bordley and fire but he missed.

Tyree Bordley, 22
DELAWARE STATE POLICE

Bordley then ran to a rear bedroom, where a woman, 31, and her 3-year-old son were sleeping. He allegedly grabbed them, displayed a large knife and threatened to kill the two if the male victim didn't give him his gun back.

Police said the man complied, and the woman and child were able to break free and run from the home. Bordley also allegedly fled through the rear door in an unknown direction.

Within 45 minutes he was arrested at his home in Felton. The 31-year-old man was hospitalized for a non-life-threatening gunshot wound, while the woman and child were treated for minor abrasions sustained during the altercation.

Bordley was jailed at the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $274,100 secured bond.

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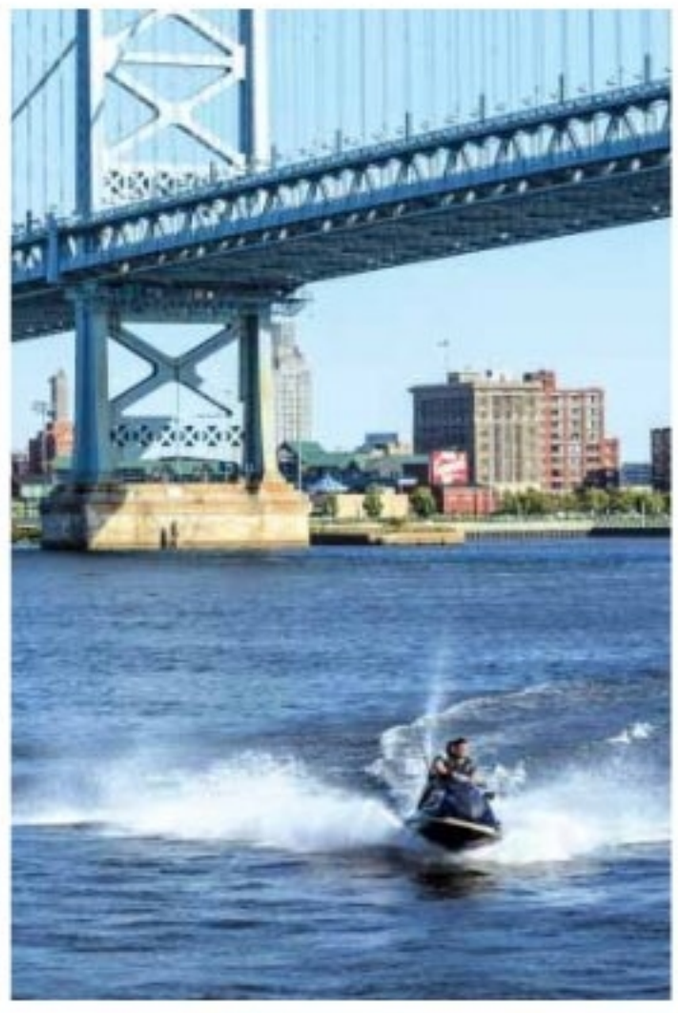
Groundswell and Cradles to Crayons partnered for a school supply drive to benefit local students. Pencils, paper and art supplies are being accepted through September at eight drop-off points, including the Philadelphia Building at 1315 Walnut St., the Queen Village Art Center at 514 Bainbridge St. and the Allens Lane Art Center at 601 W. Allens Lane. METRO

Funding

Workers get grant

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration yesterday announced a $663,000 grant to the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia to support a mentoring program to help regional manufacturers begin or expand exporting.

The program will include counseling and market research in order to help boost exports and create high-paying jobs. METRO



A nice day for a ride

Two young men ride a Jet Ski on the Delaware River under the Ben Franklin Bridge yesterday afternoon.

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End of tenure

Franklin Institute president to step down

The Franklin Institute announced yesterday President and CEO Dennis Wint, the longest-serving leader in the museum's 189-year history, will conclude his tenure effective Dec. 31, 2014.

Dennis Wint
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The museum in a release credited Wint with raising the Institute's profile "significantly in recent years, both nationally and internationally" through long-range strategic planning and outreach to underserved populations.

Starting this fall, Wint will serve as a part-time member of Drexel University's faculty, responsible for heading up its new graduate program in museum leadership, and in 2015 will assume a full-time position as a Drexel professor.

The Franklin Institute Board of Trustees has formed a committee to undertake a search for his replacement. METRO

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is a participant in the Moving to Work Demonstration Program (MTW). PHA was initially selected to participate in the MTW Program in 2001. In October 2008, PHA entered into an Amended and Restated Moving to Work Agreement ("MTW Agreement") with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), which has subsequently been further amended.

The MTW Agreement defines the terms and conditions under which PHA is a participant in the MTW Program. The MTW Agreement requires that PHA submit an MTW Annual Plan for HUD review and approval. PHA's current MTW Annual Plan for MTW Year Thirteen (PHA Fiscal Year 2014) was approved by HUD on May 30, 2013.

PHA is seeking public review and comments on two proposed actions relative to the MTW Program:

- **Amendment to the MTW Agreement** – The proposed amendment to the MTW Agreement will provide PHA with additional flexibility in utilizing Replacement Housing Factor funds received by PHA from HUD.
- **Amendment to the MTW Year Thirteen Annual Plan** – The proposed amendment to the MTW Annual Plan will: 1) Establish that PHA may apply to convert one or more public housing sites under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program and that PHA may utilize MTW Block Grant funds to support the conversion; and, 2) Allow PHA to establish a flexible subsidy program for newly developed or acquiredpublic housing units, subject to HUD review and approval of each transaction.

Additional information regarding the proposed amendments is available from PHA. Copies are available for public review on PHA's website at: www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

- **Housing Choice Voucher Program Office:** 2850 Germantown Ave 1st & 2nd Floor
- **Scattered Sites Management Offices:** 3417 Spring Garden Street, 1821 Vineyard St. 3226 McMichael St., 3218 Susquehanna Avenue, 400 W. Huntingdon St.
- **Public Housing Management Offices:** Bartram - 5404 Gibson Drive, Wilson Park - 2500 Jackson St., Raymond Rosen – 2110 N. 23rd St., Blumberg - 2311 W. Jefferson St.

PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public may attend and provide comments at the Public Hearing described below and/or submit written comments on these proposed actions any time during the comment period. The Public Hearing is scheduled for the following time and location: **August 27, 2013 10 a.m. until noon, 1100 Poplar Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, Multipurpose Room.**

Only comments pertaining to the proposed actions noted above are being solicited. The comment period begins on August 6, 2013 at 12 noon and ends September 5, 2013 at 12 noon. All comments must be received by the end of the comment period. Please send your writtencomments to: **Philadelphia Housing Authority, Office of Policy, Research and Enterprise Planning, Attention: MTW Comment, 1606 Swain St., Philadelphia, PA 19130.**

The Public Hearing is being held in an accessible location. If you require assistance, sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please call 215-684-4000. Please use the AT&T Relay Service for TTY.

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Cescaphe Executive Chef Jayson Grossberg prepares one of the dishes that will be served. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Mural Arts Program to host meal for 900 guests

Heirloom foods. The program will use specific produce for a public art project.

To mark the Mural Arts Program's 30th anniversary, members solicited the help of renowned Paris-based artists Lucy and Jorge Orta to help create a grand expression of public art.

Dubbed "What We Sow," the program will include workshops and artist talks through the month of September and the beginning of October to educate city dwellers on heirloom foods, which are fruits and vegetables grown from seeds that are passed down from one generation to the next.

The program culminates with 70x7 The Meal on Oct. 5. This is the 34th edition of The Meal, which the Ortas have performed in countries across the globe. The Philly edition, hosted at Independence National Historical Park for 900 guests, will serve a sampling of heirloom produce created by consulting chef Marc Vetri.

A quarter of the tickets will be open to the public through a lottery system. To apply, visit www.muralarts.org/whatwesow.

The idea, said Lucy Orta, is to gather a unique assortment of people around a communal table, "that symbolically unites us across continents around a belief that art has the power to empower and change."

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State police

Crashes during holiday down

Pennsylvania State Police reported that out of the 661 crashes it investigated during the four-day Labor Day weekend — from Aug. 30 through Sept. 2 — 11 people were killed. Seventy-seven were alcohol-related crashes.

There were 262 people injured.

During last year's holiday weekend, six people died and 262 others were injured in 746 crashes. METRO

Panel approves resolution on Syria strikes

Measure. The full Senate is expected to vote on the resolution next week.

The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved a resolution yesterday authorizing a limited U.S. military intervention in Syria, setting the stage for a debate in the full Senate next week on the use of military force.

The compromise is more limited than President Barack Obama's original proposal but meets the administration's goal of punishing Syria for what the U.S. government says is the use of chemical weapons on Syrian civilians, killing more than 1,400 people.

The vote

10-7

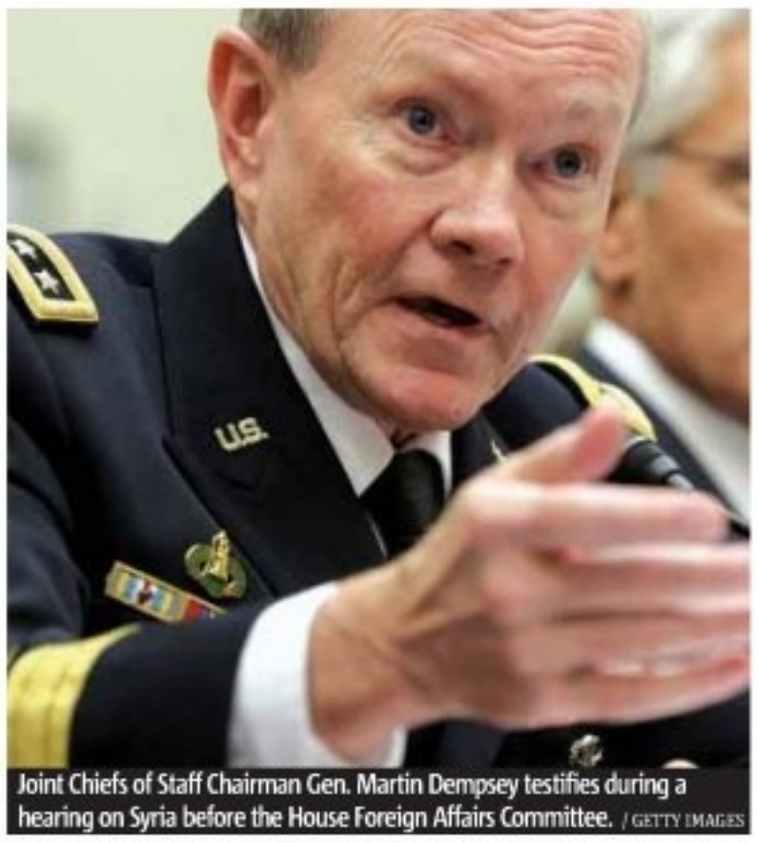
The committee voted 10-7 in favor of a compromise resolution that sets a 60-day limit on any engagement in Syria, and bars the use of U.S. troops on the ground for combat operations.

The authorization still faces significant resistance in Congress, where many lawmakers fear it could lead to a prolonged U.S. military involvement in Syria's civil war and spark an escalation of regional violence.

The House of Representatives also must approve the measure.

Obama and administration officials have pushed Congress to act quickly, saying U.S. national security and international credibility is at stake in the decision whether to use force in Syria to punish President Bashar al-Assad's government for chemical weapons use.

"If we don't take a stand here today, I guarantee you, we are more likely to face far greater risks to our security and a far greater likelihood of conflict that demands our action in the future," Secretary of State John Kerry told the House Foreign Affairs Committee at a separate meeting yesterday. REUTERS



Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey testifies during a hearing on Syria before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. / GETTY IMAGES

Skeptical

Obama: US credibility on the line

President Barack Obama issued a blunt challenge to skeptical U.S. lawmakers yesterday to approve his plan for a military strike on Syria, saying inaction would put America's prestige and their own credibility at risk.

Obama insisted that the world could not remain silent after the "barbarism" of the chemical weapons attack he blamed on the forces of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

"My credibility is not on the line. The international community's credibility is on the line," Obama said during a news conference in Stockholm.

"And America and Congress' credibility is on the line, because [otherwise] we give lip service to the notion that these international norms are important."

Evidence questioned

Putin chides US on Syria

More verbal skirmishing yesterday between Moscow and Washington over U.S. plans to attack Damascus was tempered by talk of possible easing in the East-West deadlock when President Vladimir Putin hosts world leaders at a G20 summit today.

President Barack Obama said he would continue to try and persuade Putin of the need for punitive strikes on Assad.

But Putin again questioned Western evidence. And he accused Secretary of State John Kerry outright of "lying" when, in urging Congress to approve strikes on Syria, Kerry played down the role of al Qaeda in the rebel forces.

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"Al Qaeda units are the main military echelon, and they know this." Putin

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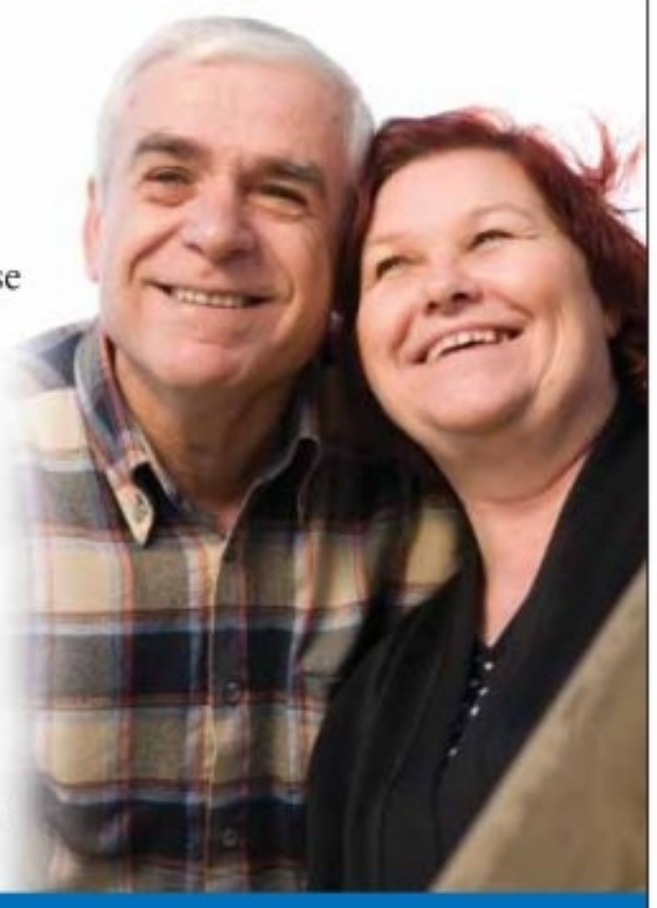

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Ariel Castro, shown in a handout from the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, hanged himself. / GETTY IMAGES

Cleveland kidnapper Castro commits suicide in prison cell

Moving on.
Donations totaling $1.4 million poured in to help the women resume their lives.

Ariel Castro committed suicide by hanging himself with a bed sheet in his prison cell, an Ohio coroner said yesterday, just one month into a life sentence for the kidnapping, rape and beatings of three women he imprisoned for a decade.

The former school bus driver, who pleaded guilty to 937 counts in July, was found hanged in his cell at an Ohio prison late Tuesday, a state corrections official said.

An autopsy yesterday confirmed the cause of death was suicide by hanging, said Dr. Jan Gorniak, the Franklin County coroner.

Though he had not been on suicide watch, he was in protective custody with guards checking on him every half hour. He was isolated from other inmates at the Correctional Reception Center in Orient. REUTERS

Quoted

"This man couldn't take, for even a month, a small portion of what he had dished out for more than a decade."

Timothy McGinty, Cuyahoga County prosecutor, on Castro making it only one month into a life sentence before committing suicide in his prison cell on Tuesday

Hanged himself

DeJesus' cousin after Castro suicide: 'May God have mercy'

The morning after Ariel Castro hanged himself in his prison cell, the cousin of victim Gina DeJesus had strong words about the man who stole nearly a decade of his victims' lives.

"The fact is may God have mercy on his soul, and literally, now that he chose to take his own life," Sheila Figaro told Metro yesterday.

When asked how DeJesus reacted to the news of Castro's suicide, Figaro said, "Gina is doing very well. She is on the right path to getting healthy." METRO

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Manning is seeking presidential pardon in WikiLeaks case

A psychiatrist at Manning's sentencing testified to having diagnosed the soldier as having gender dysphoria, or wanting to be the opposite sex. / GETTY IMAGES

Supporters. The application includes a letter from Amnesty International.

The U.S. soldier convicted of providing secret files to WikiLeaks in the biggest breach of classified materials in the nation's history has asked for a presidential pardon, supporters said yesterday.

The request for Private Chelsea Manning, formerly known as Bradley, was filed by attorney David Coombs on Tuesday, according to a statement on the Pardon Private Manning website.

"I urge you to consider this matter closely and to take a positive step towards protecting whistleblowers who release information to the media for the public good by either reducing Private Manning's sentence to time served, or by granting him a full pardon," Coombs said in a letter to President Barack Obama via the Justice Department and to Army Secretary John McHugh carried on the website.

Manning was sentenced to 35 years in prison on Aug. 21. The next day, the soldier issued a statement that said Bradley Manning was a female who wanted to live as a woman named Chelsea. REUTERS

Pardon petitions

1,496

Obama has received 1,496 petitions for pardons and 8,313 for commutation of sentence. He has granted 39 pardons and one commutation, according to the Justice Department's Office of the Pardon Attorney.

Rest easy

Putin says Snowden can feel safe

Russian President Vladimir Putin described NSA leaker Edward Snowden as a "strange guy" but said he could rest easy that he would not be handed over to U.S. authorities.

President Barack Obama withdrew from a bilateral summit with Putin last month after Moscow granted asylum to Snowden.

"He is a strange guy," Putin said of Snowden in an interview with Russian state television and the Associated Press released yesterday. REUTERS

Monitors. Obama says US not snooping on ordinary people

The United States does not spy on ordinary people's mail and phone calls, President Barack Obama said yesterday, insisting that U.S. intelligence gathering was targeted at specific areas of concern.

Obama has faced questions at home and abroad after Edward Snowden, a former contractor for the National Security Agency, leaked documents showing the organization monitors a vast array of email and telephone data of both Americans and foreigners.

"I can give assurances to the public in Europe and around the world that we are not going around snooping at people's emails or listening to their phone calls," Obama said during a joint news conference with Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt. REUTERS

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"What we try to do is to target, very specifically, areas of concern." Obama

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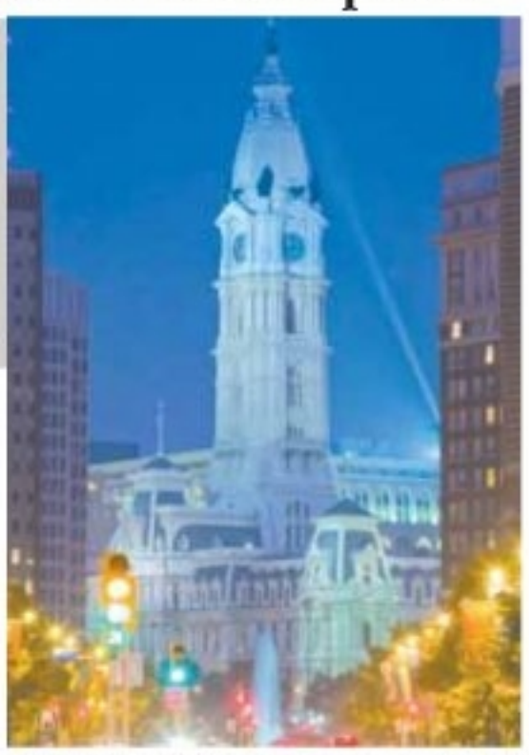

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Tom Arnold could use more harmony at home, Kristin Chenoweth is listening to beverages and Kirstie Alley is being nosy.

@TomArnold: Is my baby crying in spite of my wife's singing or because of it?

@KChenoweth: Trust me, you can dance. -Wine

@kirstiealley: how are you all doing?? Are you happy? busy? groovy? what?

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Look closely. / INSTAGRAM

Robin Thicke cheated with 'butt-grab girl'

This is the butt-grab photo that was seen 'round the world.

It looks innocent — Robin Thicke with a fan at the VMA after-party — but then you notice the reflection in the mirror and see a married man's hand where it shouldn't be.

And now the "butt-grab girl" is speaking out. Lana Scolaro, 20, reveals to Life & Style that not only did she hook up with Thicke that night but she did it with his wife Paula Patton just a few feet away. "I don't think he cared what she thought," she says. "I was with him the whole night!"

Thicke's classic pickup line to the self-described socialite? "I just love the fact that you're so young."

After some lip-smacking, Thicke and Patton gave Scolaro a lift to yet another party. "He turned off the lights so no one could see us, and he started making out with me. He was grabbing me. He was like, 'I want to get you into bed!'"

There were no bedroom visits, alas. The party finally broke up and they could not do the deed (with Paula Patton probably in the same room, watching HGTV). Life & Style reports that Scolaro gave Thicke her number, and he said they would hook up again during New York Fashion Week.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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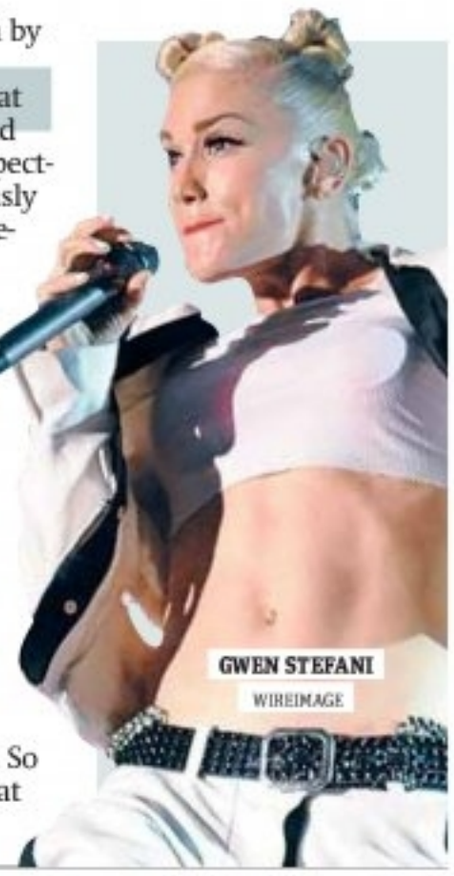
Gwen Stefani is pregnant at 43

Gwen Stefani, who never seems to age in spirit or looks (what 43-year-old can rock this look besides her?) is proving her youthfulness yet again by getting pregnant.

In Touch reports that the singer and husband Gavin Rossdale are expecting their third fabulously dressed offspring sometime soon. A source tells the mag the two "couldn't be happier." If true, baby No. 3 joins brothers Kingston, 7, and Zuma, 4.

Last year, the singer told Marie Claire that she and Rossdale tried for a third. "I really, really, really wanted one about two years ago," Stefani said. "And it didn't really work out. So … I feel good with what we've got. Everything works out how it should. You can't plan anything, right? You can try."



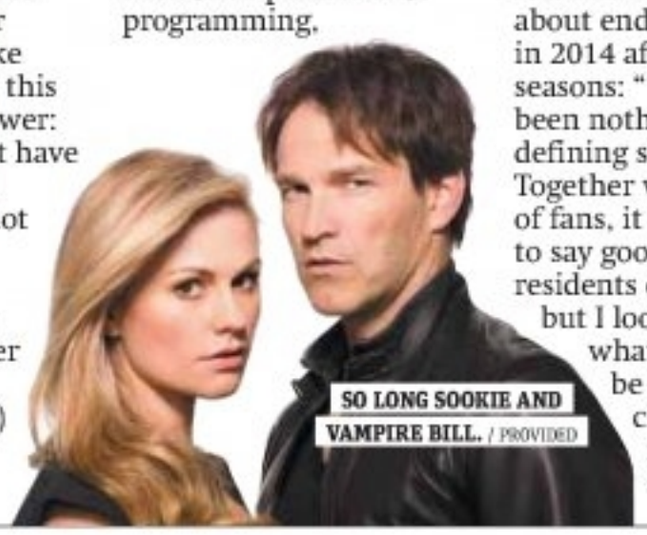
GWEN STEFANI / WIREIMAGE

HBO cancels 'True Blood'

Where do you go after you show Alexander Skarsgard naked, like "True Blood" did on this season's finale? Answer: Nowhere — you just have to cancel the series.

OK, that might not be the reason HBO pulled the plug on "True Blood," but it might be close. (After you go full frontal, it's hard to go back.)

Michael Lombardo, the network's president of programming, released this statement about ending the show in 2014 after seven seasons: "'True Blood' has been nothing short of a defining show for HBO. Together with its legions of fans, it will be hard to say goodbye to the residents of Bon Temps, but I look forward to what promises to be a fantastic final chapter of this incredible show."



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Vin Diesel faces off against a slimy, toothy beast while returning to an old franchise (see also: "Fast & Furious") in "Riddick." / UNIVERSAL PICTURES

10 films for your weekend

Movies. Here's what's coming (or has come) to a theater near you.

See this

2 'Afternoon Delight' The great character actor Kathryn Hahn (currently groping Jennifer Aniston in "We're the Millers") goes center stage, playing a well-off mother who whimsically hires a stripper/prostitute (Juno Temple) as her young son's nanny.

3 'Therese' Audrey Tautou once again plays downbeat in this adaptation of Francois Mauriac's novel "Therese Desqueyroux," about a 1920s woman who regrets marrying a sugar daddy.

See more at www.metro.us

4 'One Direction: This Is Us' Why, yes, Morgan Spurlock did make a concert movie about boy band One Direction.

5 'Instructions Not Included' Many were surprised last weekend when this vehicle for Mexican actor Eugenio Derbez cracked the top five at the North American box office, having the best ever debut of any Spanish-language film.

1 'Riddick' Did you know Vin Diesel's "Pitch Black" character's full name is "Richard B. Riddick"? Anyway, he's back, even though no one saw "Chronicles of Riddick." Maybe it's because Diesel's big again — or back in the "Fast & Furious" films he once abandoned.

6 'The Grandmaster' Expressionistic director Wong Kar-wai ("In the Mood for Love") returns with this lavish, relentlessly gorgeous look at kung-fu legend Ip Man (Tony Leung Chiu Wai), which, in fitting with the director's other work, takes a melancholy bent (while still boasting lots of kicked asses).

7 'Closed Circuit' Rebecca Hall and Eric Bana play lawyers in way over their heads as they investigate the case surrounding a 7/7-ish terrorist bombing in London in this very English (read: muted and restrained) thriller.

8 'Short Term 12' Former teen pop star Brie Larson gives an admirably dour performance as a young caretaker at a residence for at-risk kids who finds that one of her young charges may be harboring a horrible secret.

9 'Getaway' Ethan Hawke and Selena Gomez spend an entire film inside a souped-up car while being forced to do reckless acts by a mysterious gentleman who has kidnapped the former's wife.

10 'The World's End' Sadly, not enough people are seeing the third in Edgar Wright, Simon Pegg and Nick Frost's "Cornetto Trilogy," following "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz." It's delightful. Get on that, people who like good things.

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'The Founding Wheel' A Whole New Missoula

Writer/actor Davey Strattan White will perform this one-man show, embodying characters afflicted with a wide range of American political extremism. And if there's one local playwright capable of truthfully navigating the red/blue state divide, it's this one. White came to Philly for an MFA acting program, but never lost touch with his Indiana roots. **Sept. 6-8, Hodge Podge Arts, 1212 South St.**

'Go Long Big Softie' The Groundswell Players

Local performers Scott Sheppard, Mason Rosenthal and Charlotte Ford have discovered fruitful comic territory, to say the least. They've spent months researching the "mythopoetic men's movement" of the '80s, which sought to unlock the repressed, powerful masculinity of its adherents. A recent preview of an in-process scene caused people to fall on the floor laughing — literally. **Sept. 6-21, Torrent Collective, 938 S. Eighth St.**

'The Sea Plays' Philadelphia Artists Collective

Philly's own classical theater lovers — PAC — get into the Fringe spirit with a site-specific production of three short Eugene O'Neill plays. All aboard the Gazela, a historic ship docked at Penn's Landing, to experience O'Neill's youth at sea. (What else can one do after dropping out of Princeton?) **Sept. 11-23, The Gazela, Penn's Landing, 101 Columbus Blvd.**

'A Doll's House' EgoPo Theater

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Good fences do make good neighbors

Theater. Carshena Eunice Baker's gospel play comes back for one night.

They say good things come in threes.

In Carshena Eunice Baker's gospel play "Reconciled," it's bad things that come in threes.

"The people in the play are misbehaving," says Baker, 38, from West Oak Lane. "You have the nosy neighbor, the busybody preacher's wife and the meddling mother-in-law."

That does sound like trouble, especially for the play's newlywed couple.

"The nosy neighbor, she's just plain nosy," Baker says. "I'll have her doing something different in the next play. I'll be putting her nosiness to good use — I'm making her the neighborhood watch."

Miss Betty is her name, and she's played by Robin Benton.

"With her character being older and the couple younger, they don't want to be rude to her because she's mama's friend. So it's 'All right, come in Miss Betty,'" Baker says. "You don't want to be rude. It's like when you go see family and friends and that one friend is a little too inquisitive about your future — why aren't you married, why don't you have kids. I'm like, 'Calm down!'"

We can relate.

"They have good intentions but their execution is off." Baker says. "The pastor's wife, she's Loretta, she's in the mix, too. She's trying to find out from Betty what's happening."

How will all this get resolved? A little understanding, a song or two and a whole lot of faith should do it.

"The whole message is that no matter what, you can be restored," Baker says. "People think, 'I'm so far gone that I can't come back' — you can."

"Reconciled" was first staged in June at New Covenant Church on Germantown Ave. It's now back and will be filmed for a DVD release. There will also be a sneak peek preview of Baker's next play, "Demarco is in Trouble Again!" following the performance of "Reconciled."

Baker is planning to tour the East Coast with "Reconciled." "Demarco" should debut in its entirety next fall. "People who come to this show will be able to see what happens next with two of the brothers of the play," Baker says of the sneak preview.

The cast preps for the show, which will be filmed for a DVD release. PROVIDED

If you go

'Reconciled'

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Carshena Eunice Baker wrote "Reconciled." / PROVIDED

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PHILLIP LIM

The designer says he's just as passionate about creating a $29.99 shirt as he is about one for $299.

ROMANCING THE MASSES

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Phillip Lim believes you're just as busy as he is. It's why the designer — whose hotly anticipated 3.1 Phillip Lim collection for Target hits stores Sept. 15, just six days after this Spring ready-to-wear line debuts at New York Fashion Week — created an affordable fall line perfect for people on-the-go. The 100-piece offering consists of chic, understated essentials you can rely on for just about any occasion — there's even a grab-and-go pack with underthings for those surprise last-minute trips. We nailed down Lim to talk about his design process and find out what we should grab from the collection if we only had five minutes in the store. Hey, girl's on a schedule.

Congratulations on the Target collaboration. What was your main objective for the line?
For me, it was about creating a chic, easy and cool collection for real people. I focused on the idea of a romanced reality and having ideas, products, clothes and accessories on-the-go for this romance.

How would you describe the codes of the 3.1 Phillip Lim brand?
3.1 Phillip Lim is designed for the global citizen on the move with understated, elegant clothes that imbue a strong sense of discovery, with hidden details just for the wearer.

Your Target line has a focus on menswear. Why was it important to include the guys?
Men are embracing fashion more and it was important to me that I create a collection for both men and women to easily incorporate into their wardrobes and their everyday lives.

What was the design process like?
The whole process took about a year. It was a seamless experience because there was a shared goal of getting it done — and getting it done right.

The collection is full of practical-yet-cool essentials. How did you keep these pieces from being boring?
When in doubt, you can never go wrong with solids. It's important to stock up on chic basics as they cannot only be worn at different hours of the day, but also from season to season. Once that foundation was established, I sprinkled in things or ideas from my own collection.

How did you choose to bring back certain pieces from your main line, such as the comic book motif and colorblock pastels?
I took inspiration from archival pieces that we thought would also be of interest to Target's guests. All in all, designing the collection was a very similar process to that of my main collection, because in the end, I put the same amount of passion, energy, spirit and time into designing the $29.99 shirt as I would for the $299 shirt.

Do you shop at Target?
Yes, Target has just about everything. As a child, I remember just thinking, "They have everything here, all the dreams are here!"

It's been a busy year for you. After your show wraps, what are your plans?
Hopefully I will be off on the beach somewhere!

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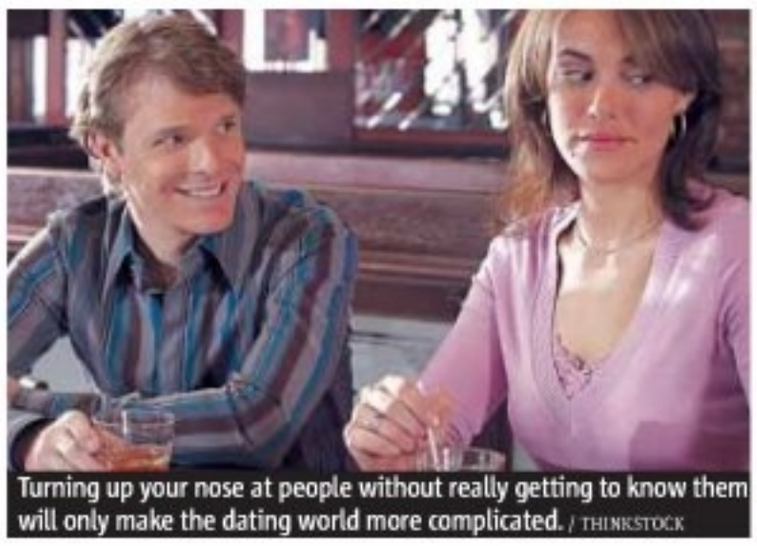
IT'S TRICKY IF YOU'RE TOO PICKY

A friend of mine perfectly summarized today's dating scene by describing a girl whom he met online: "A few years ago I would have dated her for a while to see where it went. But now, when I'm online and there are hundreds of other girls who are cute and seem interesting, I'd rather know what else is out there."

This onto-the-next-one attitude makes it nearly impossible to find someone. It's dating the same way that compulsive gamblers play the slots: putting in the quarters and pulling the levers without taking any time to acknowledge what's actually falling out of the machine. We jump from one to the next so fast that we're never really present in the date we're on. The second that something rubs us the wrong way, we decide "there's something better out there."



Turning up your nose at people without really getting to know them will only make the dating world more complicated. / THINKSTOCK

The paradox here is that our perception of having so many options actually leaves us with none — because it's made us so picky that no one stands a chance. As a dater, it's good to be discerning. But it's bad to be picky.

By literal definition, discerning means "to perceive with eyes or intellect," i.e., to have some insight about the person in front of you. You should really think about their personality traits, values and how much you enjoy being in their company. What you shouldn't do is be fussy and particular about tiny facets of who they are: a lame comment they made, a hairstyle you don't love or how objectively attractive you believe them to be. What really counts is the full picture, and that takes a while to get.

Would you blow off a guy at a bar because he had a popped collar? Probably. But if your boyfriend walked out with his collar flying you'd simply say, "Don't do that honey; you look like a d—bag."

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Get your culture and your culinary fix Thursday, Sept. 12, at this year's Feastival, a food extravaganza benefiting FringeArts and its 16-day Fringe Festival, which kicks off today.

Dozens of Philly's top chefs will lay out a gourmet spread, while the drinks flow and Fringe artists perform.

Tickets are steep, at $250 for regular admission and $350 for VIP, but you can make it your mission to consume a few hundred dollars' worth of delicious treats — with restaurants like Morimoto, Zahav and Sbraga participating, that shouldn't be too hard. Full details are at www.phillyfeastival.com.

Indulge your sweet tooth

Dessert. It's finally time to stop fretting about your bikini bod and dig into these treats.

Satisfy your sugar craving with a tart from Art of Bread in Narberth. / ART OF BREAD

It's OK, Philly, no one's looking. Summer is over and you're free to stop sucking in your gut, counting calories and pretending that you just love juicing. Of course, we make attempts at moderation — but we just have to stuff our faces from time to time with some of the city's best desserts.

The Art of Bread

This shop had Georges Perrier's name on it, so you already know to expect decadence. But Perrier has resigned his ties to the bakery and it's now in the loving hands of Amin Bitar (also of Bitar's at 10th and Federal), who continues to pamper every sweet tooth on the Main Line. It's worth the trip for the bread and pastries, but don't feel guilty about diving into one of the fresh tarts. **920 Montgomery Ave., Narbeth, 610-660-8222**

Sugar Philly

Don't let Penn kids have all the fun: Get thyself to University City to stalk this food truck. If you're a fan of delicate desserts, you'll want the French macarons. Options vary daily, based on season and mood. Right now we're seeing chocolate ganache, tiramisu and milk and honey. Expect a small freak out when pumpkin comes back. **38th and Walnut streets, www.sugarphillytruck.com**

Whipped Bakeshop

There's no shortage of gourmet cupcakes in our fair city. And while we love the ones at Whipped, it's actually their Philadelphia Butter Cake that has us stopping by the shop more times than we'd like to admit. These little butter bombs — dense and gooey with flakey, perfectly bronzed tops — are only made on Fridays and Saturdays, and are just coming back from their summer vacation to plump us up for the cold weather. **636 Belgrade St., 215-598-5449, www.whippedbakeshop.com**

Beau Monde

Bring your date to this creperie and soak up the romance. Whether the two of you are feeding pieces of the Nutella, banana and hazelnut ice cream crepe to each other — or forking the strawberry and lemon curd version — this will likely become your not-so-secret sweet spot. **624 S. Sixth St., 215-592-0656, www.creperie-beaumonde.com**

Try this

The lighter side

Liberte Lounge at the Sofitel (120 S. 17th St.) has new health-conscious lunch and dinner menus. Of course, our eyes went right to dessert. There's a seasonal fruit sorbet at about 100 calories, or for just a few more go for the raspberry-mango sundae.

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Ready for a Restaurant Week rush

Hot chef. John Stritzinger is back from vacation and gearing up for the fall season at Del Frisco's.

If you think Philly is a ghost town in the summer — with everyone fleeing to the mountains' cooler climate or the shore's enticing beaches — you might change your mind had you stepped into Del Frisco's. The Center City steak house remained busy all season, which, of course, pleased chef John Stritzinger. We caught up with Stritzinger shortly after he returned from his own vacation from the city.

Where did you go on vacation?
We were in the Outer Banks with my brother and his family and my sister and her family. It was the first time we were down there, and the first time the whole family went together. We already have a house rented for next year.

Sounds great. So you're probably wishing you were still there?
Nah, it's good to be back. If I kept living like that I wouldn't live long.

How are things going at Del Frisco's? Is it starting to pick up now that summer's ending and people are coming back from vacations?
Our summer has been amazing, actually. Except for one week we haven't been slow. I couldn't ask for anything better — the restaurant is full each night.

How have you seen the Center City dining experience change in the years that you've been here?
There are a lot more steak houses than there used to be. And they all did well, except for Union Trust. I've seen a lot of corporate restaurants open and do well too. And new restaurants are still coming in, like Ocean Prime, which is opening in our backyard. It's cool because there are enough people in Center City for each restaurant to be in business and there's enough variety of cuisine here to make everyone happy.

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Front of house

You'll participate in Restaurant Week this month too. What's that experience like?
For Restaurant Week we do 700-800 dinners a night, and on Fridays it's 1,000. It's a lot of fun. We have a lot of long-term employees in front of house and back of house, so it's like a well-oiled machine. It makes us gear up to be ready for the December holiday rush.

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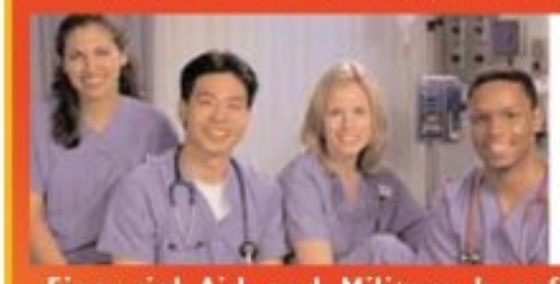
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Festival. The mushroom capital of the world has plenty of soil-to-table options.

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"When it happens, it's like a big party, and I don't want it to end," says Kathi Lafferty, festival coordinator. "We often sell over $10,000 worth of fresh mushrooms. It's amazing the taste of a fresh mushroom picked that day or the day before compared to what you can get in the grocery store."

It won't be hard to head home with a wide variety of soil-to-table options, like portabellas and chanterelles.

"Our most popular item for the festival has to be our portabella fries," says Jack Mavraj, of Kennett Square restaurant La Verona.

Kennett Square's La Michoacana will serve up their signature 'shroom popsicle, an item owner Noelra Scharon says sells out early every year.

"We actually started offering them a few weeks early at our restaurant because people started asking for them," Scharon says of the vanilla ice cream and button mushroom treat.

Competitive eaters will try to beat last year's winning total of 5 ½ pounds of fried mushrooms in seven minutes. "That's part of the mushroom party I'd rather watch than join," Lafferty says.

Talula's

Aimee Olexy will be dishing out her mushroom mac 'n' cheese. PROVIDED

Go nuts

Aimee Olexy is a cheese guru. Visit any of her ventures — Talula's Garden, Table or the new Daily — for dairy galore. During the festival, she'll be at Talula's Table, in Kennett Square, serving up mushroom mac 'n' cheese. "It's this bubbly, oozy, cheesy casserole with roasted mushrooms of all sorts throughout," she says. "People go nuts for it."

If you go

Mushroom Festival

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Kennett Square, Pa.
$2, free for kids under 12
www.mushroomfestival.org

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FESTIVAL

Greenfest Philly

Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Headhouse Square
2nd and Lombard streets
Free
www.greenfestphilly.org
Go green at the largest environmental festival in the Philly area. Learn about living sustainably through demonstrations, and shop for eco-friendly items from more than 100 vendors. New this year is the Green Card: $25 gets you a bunch of goodies, like a bottle opener made from recycled materials, discounts with exhibitors and a food and beer credit.

FASHION

Pretty Pretty Rebel Trunk Show

Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Art Star Gallery
623 N. 2nd St.
Free, 215-238-1557
www.artstarphilly.com
This popular craft store is hosting a trunk show with local designer Leah Delfiner, of Pretty Pretty Rebel, in anticipation of her fall line. The Art Institute grad is inspired by '80s punk rock music, and her clothes boast bright colors, pink skulls and bows. Mimosas and snacks will be served.

BENEFIT

PhilaSoup '13-14 Kickoff

Sept. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Magic Gardens
1020 South St.
$10
www.philasoup.com
Some hard-working teachers need your support! Instead of lounging on the couch this Sunday night, come out to Magic Gardens, listen to live music, enjoy drinks and light snacks and enter a raffle to win prizes from the Flyers, the Sixers, Zahav, Longwood Gardens, Whole Foods and others. Half of the admission price goes right to PhilaSoup, an organization that helps out Philly teachers. Proceeds from the event will go toward funding innovative classroom projects.

COMEDY

Jim Breuer

Friday, 9 p.m.
Borgata
One Borgata Way
Atlantic City, N.J.
$35-$39.50, 609-317-1000
www.theborgata.com
Known for his role in "Half Baked," with Dave Chappelle, and his time on "Saturday Night Live," this funny guy has been making people laugh for 20 years. Our fingers are crossed that he turns into Goat Boy or does his Joe Pesci impression.

FESTIVAL

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WHYY is hosting a free festival on the water this weekend. / DAN BURKE

Connections Festival

Saturday, noon-10 p.m.; Sept. 8, noon-6 p.m.; Great Plaza at Penn's Landing; Free; www.whyy.org
This third annual WHYY festival features performances by They Might be Giants, Ben Kweller and The Soul Survivors, to name a few. First Person Arts' award-winning storyteller Marjorie Winther will also perform, and the Hussian School of Art will be painting artwork throughout the day. Kids can have fun getting their faces painted, and adults can act like kids by joining in the tug boat competition.

THEATER

Andrew Carroll and Kristen Bailey in "Holly's Dead Soldiers (A Breakfast Play)." / PROVIDED

'Holly's Dead Soldiers (A Breakfast Play)'

Sept. 7 and 8, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; $17; 215-413-1318; Address available upon ticket purchase; www.fringearts.com
Bruce Walsh, a local playwright and frequent contributor to this newspaper, collaborated with fellow playwrights Chris Davis and Douglas Williams to make your breakfast, as part of an unusual interpretation of "Breakfast at Tiffany's." Each will direct a part of the show and cook a different item, with quiche, frittatas and beer on the menu. Kristen Bailey of theater troupe Applied Mechanics takes on the iconic role of Holly Golightly. The show will be performed again Sept. 14.

DANCE

"The Fall" blends different styles of dance. / NATHANIEL DOBSON

'The Fall'

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sept. 8, 2 p.m.
The Performance Garage, 1515 Brandywine St.; $18 in advance, $20 at the door; www.rogerleedance.com
Roger Lee Dance is back for its third concert with a whole new company of dancers, including Natalia Baxter and Britni Zarin, plus Introspective Movement Project making a special guest appearance. The innovative choreography blends contemporary jazz and hip-hop. Stick around after the show for a Q&A session with the performers.

DRINK

Happy Birthday Jack!

Tonight, 6-9 p.m.
The Trestle Inn
339 N. 11th St.
$15 in advance, $20 at the door
267-239-0290
www.thetrestleinn.com
The Trestle Inn is going all out for the 163rd birthday of Jack Daniel's (that's a lot of Jack!). The admission price gets you two Jack Daniel's cocktails, a cupcake and lots of fun giveaways. It's worth heading over there for the "Just Like Jack" mustache contest. Post a picture on Instagram with the hashtag #justlikejack if you want to show off your whiskers.

KIDS

Coast Day

Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Independence Seaport Museum
211 S. Columbus Blvd.
Free with admission, 215-413-8655
www.phillyseaport.org
Coast Day isn't just for boat lovers. There are tons of exhibits for kids of all ages, including Teach Fleet, the world's largest Lego ship collection. That's right, ships made out of Lego blocks. If that isn't reason enough to go, the kids can participate in knot-tying workshops and navigation activities. Also check out the Philadelphia Ship Model Society Regatta, featuring replicas of warships, steamships, sailing ships and submarines.

FITNESS

Wanderlust Yoga Block Party

Saturday, noon-8 p.m.
The Piazza at Schmidt's
1050 N. Hancock St.
Free
http://phi.wanderlustfestival.com
Wanderlust Festival is the largest multi-day yoga and music festival in the world. Ten of the area's top yoga instructors will offer free classes. DJs Gregg Nyce and Mr. Sonny James will be spinning tunes as you get into downward dog. Namaste.
JULIE SHANNON

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Have an upcoming event that you want to let Metro readers know about? Send an email to phillyevents@metro.us and we'll get it on our new listings website.

Horoscope

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Go over every available option before you put your plan in place. If you are precise and detailed, you will succeed in a very splashy and public manner.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. A careful weighing of the pros and cons will help defuse a delicate situation, whether at work or in your home life.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Things you do for others will in turn help you. If you think and act creatively, one of your dreams will be within reach.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You could be fed information that isn't accurate. Do your own fact-checking. Others will follow you.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. You will have impeccable timing today, allowing you to wheel and deal to your heart's content, but tread carefully in personal matters .

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. A partnership arrangement may need to be strengthened. Devote some time to how you treat the other party. A physical change will draw compliments.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. You'll be drawn to someone who could benefit you. Turn on the charm, and get what you need.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Keep things simple, and avoid excess and impulsive actions. Choose to be reliable instead of giving in to the temptations of risk.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Check out new ways of operation that could make your life easier. Find out if new trends and philosophic views that reflect a fast-paced world could make you more marketable.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Someone could try to pressure you to do something that may not sit well. If you listen to your conscience, you could gain an ally.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You're entering a good cycle in which to expand your social sphere. Don't be afraid to try something new.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Put everything into any job you've been asked to do. Use your innovative imagination to instill a unique touch. Your hard work will lead to interesting prospects. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Exercise isn't a bad thing

Re: 'Is a guy in your life "bigorexic?"' (Metro, Sept. 4) As if this country of overweight, obese and unconditioned skinny people need more reasons to sit on their couches. Less than 3 percent of adults in this country get the required exercise, the bar on which is set so woefully low that you can literally meet it by walking behind a self-propelled lawn mower to cut a large lawn once per week. Bodybuilding is just resistance training with changing caloric intakes, increased caloric intake while trying to gain muscle and decreased caloric intake to lose fat. Here's an idea: Instead of turning a nation of unfit people off to exercise, direct them to get on their "S"s. The human animal needs to train to have strength, speed, stamina, suppleness and skill in a particular sporting endeavor. If you exercise properly, eat properly and rest properly, your body will reflect your lifestyle.
DAVID E. MAPP, VIA EMAIL

A reaction worth a thousand tsks

Re: 'A picture's only worth a thousand English words' (Metro, Sept. 4) Surprise, surprise. One Spanish-written page threatens the entire hierarchy of white monolingual America. God forbid we read a language spoken by approximately 37 million people in the U.S. Metro is a free newspaper distributed throughout the city. It should be inclusive of the community it serves. It's a huge shame that seeing one page of the Metro newspaper in Spanish caused such an uproar. Seeing one page of the daily newspaper should not threaten your way of life. It IS everyday life in this city.
JANETTE CHIEN, VIA EMAIL

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16 Stadium shape
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18 Donnybrook
19 Grassy shoulder
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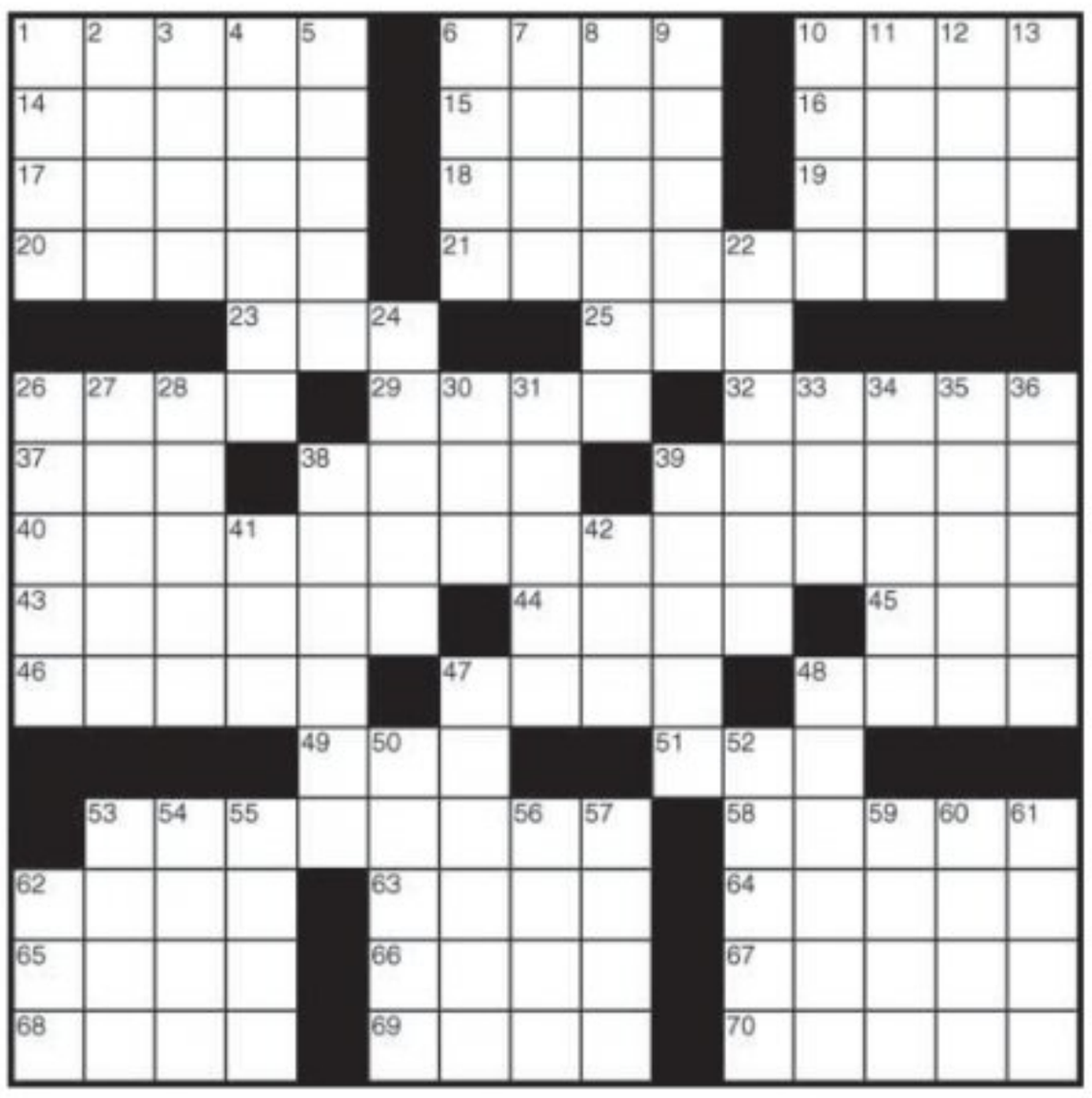

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Andy Reid inherits a talented Chiefs team in Kansas City. Can he turn the franchise around? / GETTY IMAGES

You ready for some football?

NFL. America's Game is back for the 2013 season. Metro breaks down some of the top storylines.

The NFL season is upon us. The Ravens and Broncos will kick things off tonight in Denver. Eagles fans will have to wait a few days, with the Birds set to face the Redskins on Monday night.

In the meantime, let's take a look at some interesting NFL story lines to watch.

1 Is it finally time to bury the Patriots?

With all the off-the-field drama and injuries clouding Patriots camp, pundits are declaring an end of New England's dominance. While the offense is downgraded on paper, don't count them out. Tom Brady was slinging passes at ease to his rookie receivers — guys like Kenbrell Thompkins, Aaron Dobson, Zach Sudfeld — when the Pats scrimmaged the Eagles.

The slate

Here's the NFL's weekend schedule starting today.

- Ravens at Broncos, today, 8:30 p.m.
- Patriots at Bills, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Titans at Steelers, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Falcons at Saints, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Bucs at Jets, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Chiefs at Jaguars, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Seahawks at Panthers, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Bengals at Bears, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Dolphins at Browns, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Vikings at Lions, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Titans at Steelers, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Raiders at Colts, Sunday, 1 p.m.
- Packers at 49ers, Sunday, 4:25 p.m.
- Cardinals at Rams, Sunday, 4:25 p.m.
- Giants at Cowboys, Sunday, 8:30 p.m.

2 Meet the Jets, beat the Jets

The biggest soap opera in the NFL: Rex Ryan named Geno Smith the starter yesterday and — with Mark Sanchez hurt — it seems to be his job to lose. Expectations aren't high for this team, however, people will pay attention because it's New York — and because Rex Ryan is involved — and because everyone loves a quarterback controversy.

3 A case of Peyton being Peyton

As great as Peyton Manning has been in his Hall-of-Fame career, the QB has struggled in big games. He owns a 9-11 record in the postseason — and he's gone one-and-done in 8-of-12 playoff trips. Last year, Manning's interception in double OT cost the Broncos a trip to the AFC title game.

4 Big Red's big change of scenery

Old Eagles coach Andy Reid is running the show in Kansas City. Reid brought in former 49ers QB Alex Smith to run his West Coast offense and it's reportedly working. There is no lack of talent on the Chiefs. Don't be surprised to see Big Red get into the playoffs.

5 The Colin Kaepernick Effect

The 49ers' offense has been entrusted to Kaepernick, the multi-threat QB who usurped the starting role in Week 7. All Kaepernick did was throw for 1,814 yards, run for 415 and account for 27 TDs. He enters 2013 as a legit MVP candidate. It's not outrageous to think he could throw for 4,000 and run for another 1,000.

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Marching in

Payton ready to lead Saints back to Super Bowl

It didn't take an NFL expert to notice the Saints weren't the Saints in 2012. They were a rudderless ship without head coach Sean Payton, who was serving a suspension for his role in the bucks-for-bounty scandal.

Somehow New Orleans still managed to finish 7-9 and almost snuck into the playoff party. Statistically, Drew Brees had his second-best season in the Bayou throwing for 5,177 yards and 43 touchdowns (minus those 19 picks).

But Payton's presence on game day was sorely missed. Now the man that led the Saints to a Super Bowl title in 2009 is back patrolling the sideline. Needless to say, expectations are off the charts.

"We've got to be smart in regards to the idea that one person is back and all of a sudden you're back to winning 11, 12, 13 games," Payton told USA Today. "We've got a lot of things we have to correct. We have to be better on defense and better running the football."

It's hard not to believe that Payton can't add at least two or three wins to the Saints' record. In his six seasons as coach, the team has made four playoff appearances, including three NFC South titles and that Super Bowl ring.

The Saints begin their quest to resurgence Sunday at 1 p.m. with a home game against the Falcons. MIKE GREGER

3 SPORTS IF

No Champ

Bailey to sit opener

Denver cornerback Champ Bailey will miss the season opener against Baltimore as he deals with a sprained left foot. Bailey sustained the injury on Aug. 17 in a preseason game. Broncos coach John Fox could choose to sit the 14-year veteran for a few weeks, depending on how well Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and Chris Harris perform in his absence.

Watch online

Find video and recap of last night's Phillies-Nationals game at: **Metro.us/sports.**

FANTASY

ADAM LEVITAN, LIVING THE FANTASY

METRO'S FANTASY GURU BREAKS IT ALL DOWN

NFL news

Brandon Marshall's hip became a big story last week when he said he was frustrated that he's not 100 percent. But after going to the doctor, he got a clean bill of health. Bears coaches and Chicago's GM say Marshall looks even better than he did last year when he ripped off a 118/1,508/11 line. So what was going on? It looks like a case of Marshall being a diva — just calling out for some attention. Don't fret, he's ready to rock.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS, BEST IMPRESSIONS

Drafts are over, but our job is just beginning.

The first task on the road to a fantasy championship is to get a grip on changes in philosophy and personnel. Here's what to watch for in Week 1.

Bucking Broncos. We monitored the Broncos running back situation for more than three months and still don't have an answer. That's scary for Montee Ball. Considering Ball is far more talented than Ronnie Hillman or Knowshon Moreno, it's a major concern that he hasn't separated himself.

Perhaps he will, beginning tonight against the Ravens. Or maybe we'll see the veteran Moreno emerge with value because of his reliability and blocking. After all, someone has to protect Peyton Manning.

Run, Robert, run. There have been whispers that Robert Griffin III's doctors aren't happy with the way the Redskins plan to use him as their patient comes off a torn ACL. In other words, they don't want RG3 running as many read-options, naked bootlegs and quarterback draws.

Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III might take a fantasy hit, assuming he listens to his doctors and doesn't run as much. / GETTY IMAGES

If Griffin listens, his fantasy upside is going to take a hit. Although he's a wildly underrated passer, he ran for 815 yards and seven touchdowns last season. That accounted for 38.4 percent of his fantasy points.

Lucky Lacy. The Packers have an absolutely brutal matchup in San Francisco Sunday. It shouldn't surprise anyone if Eddie Lacy struggles to pile up statistics in his first career NFL start. But the way the Packers use Lacy will be telling.

If they try to achieve balance and protect Aaron Rodgers by getting the running game going, Lacy will be set up for a monster year. In fact, we can already eye a Week 2 buy-low opportunity.

NFL pickups

Keep these names in mind if you are looking to tweak your fantasy football roster.

- **Julius Thomas, TE, Broncos** — The highly athletic former college basketball player is Peyton Manning's starting tight end.
- **Terrelle Pryor, QB, Raiders** — There's a lot of Tim Tebow in Pryor. He's 233 pounds and has 4.4 wheels.
- **Isaac Redman, RB, Steelers** — Le'Veon Bell's foot is almost healed, but there's always a chance of setback.

Match game

Start these borderline wideouts in Week 1.

- **Mike Williams, Bucs** — Jets shutdown corner Antonio Cromartie will be on Vincent Jackson. That will free up Syracuse Mike.
- **T.Y. Hilton, Colts** — Raiders are going to be a defense to target weekly. Hilton will rip the top off their secondary.
- **Lance Moore, Saints** — Moore torched the Falcons for 14 catches and 214 yards across two games last season.

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Kelly names Allen starter at safety spot

NFL. Eagles coach named Allen starter, but Earl Wolff will push him for playing time.

Allen will start at safety. / GETTY IMAGES

The last question on the depth chart is answered.

Eagles coach Chip Kelly announced yesterday that Nate Allen will start at safety opposite Patrick Chung. In true Kelly fashion, don't read too much into it. The coach said rookie Earl Wolff will factor in.

"Earl's pushing," Kelly said, "and he'll play. It's just right now Nate is ahead of him."

Wolff, a fifth-round pick out of N.C. State, will play on special teams and contribute in certain packages. Wolff confirmed that he expects to play in the first quarter Monday.

"We've just got to get him in a game, but it's not a special package where we have an Earl Wolff defense," said Kelly.

The decision to start Allen came down to film evaluation and games played, according to Kelly.

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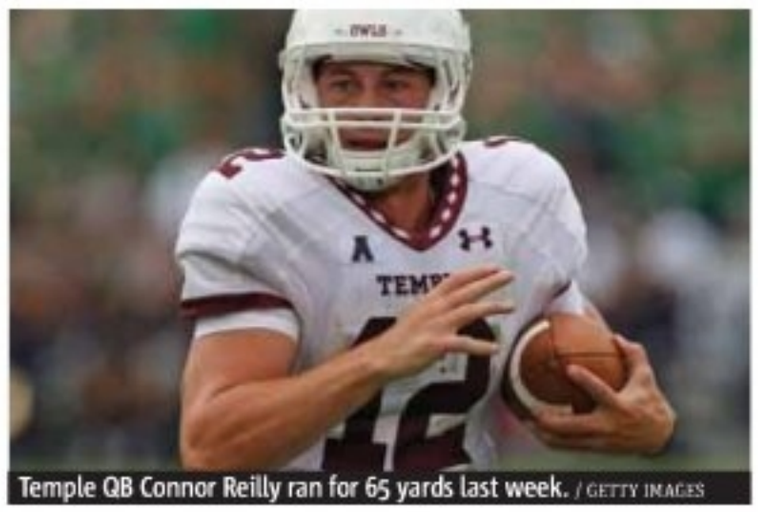
Owls look to fix mistakes at Linc

NCAA. Temple's coach challenges his defense to step up in the American Athletic Conference opening game.


Temple QB Connor Reilly ran for 65 yards last week. / GETTY IMAGES

The folks who once brought you Kevin Kolb come to town Saturday when Temple takes on Houston in the inaugural American Athletic Conference opener for both teams at the Linc.

For Matt Rhule's Owls it's a chance to build off the many good things they did last weekend, despite losing to powerful Notre Dame, 28-6. Of course, Houston is certainly no cupcake.

After squashing Southern, 62-13 — while racking up 627 yards on offense — Rhule knows his team faces another severe test.

"They're going to come out slinging. That's what they do," said Rhule, whose club was victimized repeatedly on big plays by the Irish. "They have great wideouts. I challenged the pass-rush this week and our corners are gonna have to step up. Their system is about getting the ball and attacking. So we have to make something happen on defense and get off the field because they run so many plays."

Houston quarterback Case Keenum, who shattered all of Kolb's records, is gone. But the cupboard is hardly bare, with holdover David Piland (5,718 yards, 43 scores) and John O'Korn sharing the load for the up-tempo Cougars.

Second-year coach Tony Levine has a fleet of skilled backs, led by Ryan Jackson (102 yards) and Kenneth Farrow (97 yards), along with receiver Daniel Spencer (102 receiving yards, three touchdowns).

Yet Rhule can't help but be encouraged by the way his team bounced back from that wretched start in South Bend after digging a 14-0 hole.

"For your first game out there, you're young, you make mistakes, you correct them," said Rhule. "I think we corrected them and moved forward."

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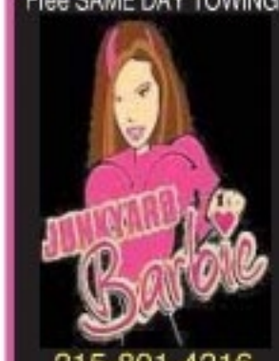

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